

Dear FCC,

This is ridiculous. The harmless and somewhat flattering film about Ronald and Nancy Reagan got yanked from broadcast several months ago due to right wing pressure, but a smear campaign film on John Kerry is allowed to be forced down the throats of local stations by Sinclair Broadcast Group just prior to the big election. This is electioneering by a corporate media giant, and I've had enough.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their 62 stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Thank you.